



Dear Donna and SPCA Leadership,

Thank you for the conversation earlier this week. We found it to be a genuinely constructive meeting, and we left it grateful for the time, candor, and good faith your team brought to the table. Your community has asked hard, fair questions throughout this process, and we want this letter to speak to where things stand now, including where we still have work to do.

Since this project was first shared with Sherwood Park in 2025, the design has changed substantially, and that evolution has come directly out of our ongoing conversations with your community over the past year and a half. Parking has gone from the original 34 spaces, to 24, to 10 in the current design, with green and landscaped space increased significantly along Brookland Park Way and the Robin Hood Road corner. As we discussed this week, parking is not the top priority driving this project for us - a safer, dedicated drop-off area for our youngest students, and preserving frontage for the school's future, matter more. We're glad that distinction came through clearly in our conversation, and we think it should inform how this project is understood going forward.

We also want to be direct about what isn't resolved yet. Some of the traffic and pedestrian safety concerns raised by your community remain real, open questions, and we don't think a general reassurance is good enough given how seriously your community has raised them. We appreciate the specific direction from your team assisting us on where and how engage directly with the relevant City safety and engineering contacts, including the Department of Public Works, as we continue refining this design. We intend to follow up on that directly, and we'd like to keep this conversation open as we do.

We'd also like to flag that the ordinance language currently in front of Council still references 34 parking spaces and an incorrect street name. That no longer reflects the project as it stands today, and we are working to see this corrected.

We're mindful that this is public land, in a historic neighborhood, and that Sherwood Park's landscape carries real significance as part of Frederick Law Olmsted's original design. This wasn't the top concern raised in your community's survey, but we think it deserves attention on its own merits. We'd like to find a modest, meaningful way to honor that history as part of this project. We don't have specifics yet, and we'd welcome your community's ideas as we think this through.



This project is better because of this process, not in spite of it, and we're grateful for a relationship that's clearly shifted toward working through hard details together rather than past each other. We're committed to keeping it that way.

Thank you again for your leadership, and for the chance to keep working on this together. This project is a key step in ensuring our schools' future in this neighborhood and we hope that this work will bring us closer to the community we call home.

Sincerely,

RWS Board of Trustees